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Mexican and Guatemalan delegates are shown after they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Independence Monument on the opening day of the conference. Standing in front of the wreath is Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha, Mexican Union president. Next to him on the right is Carlos Cruz, president of the local arrangements committee.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary

OF INTEREST TO YOU

You will be interested to know of a significant change involving International Headquarters, announced just recently. Effective January 1, 1961, Cecil Jeffery, who has been serving as the half-time general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, as well as half-time extension secretary of the International Society, will become the full-time general secretary of the Ohio Union. The present split-time relationship which brought field work to both the Ohio Union and the International Society started on March 1, 1958. During that time, in addition to serving the Buckeye State, Cecil Jeffery has labored extensively throughout other areas of the United States and in Canada and Mexico.

At the time of the creation of the split-time relationship it was agreed that both Ohio and the International Society ought to attempt to have each a full-time man for this work on or before the end of the agreed three-year period which ends on March 1, 1961. While the International Society is not ready to place a man in the field on a full-time basis at this time, the leaders of the Ohio Union, under the direction of President Clair E. Beatty, minister of the First United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio, have in faith moved on to make this possible for Christian Endeavor in Ohio.

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio Union, having a concern for the work of Christian Endeavor in other areas too, has voted that Cecil Jeffery may yet accept some invitations to work in other areas. This must be subject to the direction of Ohio's Field Work Committee and must take into account the demands within Ohio. A pilot plan for regional field work has been approved by the Executive Committee of the International Society and is in process of further development right now. International Vice-President Julian Moran, of Leroy, Indiana, is chairman of the committee developing this pilot project. The new status of Cecil Jeffery as of January 1, 1961, under a single direction will make for a more bearable task for him, inasmuch as in the split-time plan there was a potential full-time load in both Ohio and in the International Society.

Cecil Jeffery's Christian Endeavor career began when he was a member of a Junior society in England. Since coming to the United States in 1919 he has been active in the Christian Endeavor movement in California, serving as president of both the Los Angeles County and the California unions. Mr. Jeffery has also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society and as vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Pacific Region. He has participated in many international, regional, state, provincial, national and local union conventions and conferences.

The Jefferys have made their home in Columbus, Ohio, since 1955. They are active members of the Fairmoor United Presbyterian Church where Mrs. Jeffery is the sponsor of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Recently they purchased a new home in Columbus, having sought one especially suited to placing the Ohio Union's office in the basement of their home.

Harold Westerhoff

This striking design across the front of the Prince of Peace Church dominated conference sessions, with the banners of participating countries adding a colorful note.

"Christ, the Light of the World"

Paragraphs from the keynote message given by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, at the opening session of the Third Pacific Area Conference held at the Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, Mexico, August 17-20.

Christian Endeavor world-wide and interdenominational its organization nearly 80 years ago has enrolled untold millions of young people of all races, colors, tongues, social conditions. It is and always has been deeply biblical, purposefully missionary and evangelistic, and completely loyal to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Christian Endeavor is a unity in Christ, not an ecclesiastical unity, and in Christ there is no east and no west, no north or south, but one vast fellowship of love.

Who is He and why did He come? Christian Endeavor to Him for the answer and He replies, "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12) and of His relationship to God, "The Father, He declares, 'The Father and I are one'" (John 10:30). Why did He come? And He answers: "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost," and again He answers: "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Christian Endeavor wherever its societies may be found accepts and aims these answers of Jesus Christ Himself.

And Christian Endeavor is committed to the plan and program of Jesus Christ for changing the whole world, for Christianizing the whole of life—"a new world, a new social order through new men and new women, men and women redeemed and made new by Jesus Christ." "New creatures," the Scriptures state it, redeemed and made new by Jesus Christ Himself.

In this World Conference of Christian Endeavor held in Imperial Capital, Mexico City, and in the National Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Prince of Peace, we unite ourselves in joyful allegiance to Christ, the Light of the World, and pledge ourselves again and anew to go to our countries and churches to make Him King over

It is Christ Himself who declared Himself to be the Light of the World; He also said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). To us Christian Endeavorers He committed His torch, His flaming, healing, saving light. Though He would, and if we are willing He will, dispel darkness, the heavy night of atheism and denial that is our hate-torn, rocking world.

Tonight and always the confession of faith of Christian Endeavor is written not by men and not by human orders,

but by the Galilean fisherman who found that vast and all-comprehensive truth in Christ Himself and whose trumpet of faith sounds over the ages, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." This is Christian Endeavor's confession of faith. And today Christ, the Light of the World, is our Risen Lord of Life. The Christian Church is the resurrection church. The Christian faith is a resurrection faith and Christian Endeavor is a resurrection society, a world-wide resurrection fellowship of boys and girls, young men and young women, whose motto and whose service program is, "For Christ and the Church."

The mighty chorus of that first Palm Sunday was, "Lord of Lords! King of Kings!" And those who sang it were right even though on that bright day Jesus was on the road to His crucifixion; even though perjured testimony convicted Him; even though a frightened governor sentenced Him to die on a cross of shame.

Fellow Christian Endeavorers, Pilate was wrong; the priests of Jerusalem were wrong; the curious onlookers, the disappointed spectators were wrong; the disciples were wrong. All were mistaken. He was not a dead King when on the cross His body died. He was then as He is now, our living Lord. The Christian Church is the resurrection church, the Christian faith and experience is a resurrection faith and experience, and Jesus Christ is now and ever more shall be the Light of the World!

Three leaders who discussed the 1962 World's Convention, to be held in Sydney, Australia, when they were together in Mexico City are (left to right) Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Union; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president; and Rev. Allan S. Tinsley, president of the Australian Union.



PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE

AUSTRALIA

From the moment we landed at the splendid airport to be met by World's Union Secretary Harold E. Westerhoff and local Endeavorers, up to the conclusion of the Third Pacific Area Conference, our experience in Mexico City was a series of more than pleasant surprises. What a large and beautiful city it is! To find a population of nearly six million living at an altitude of nearly 8,000 feet in the center of this rapidly growing Republic was most surprising. Yet it was obviously wise and strategic Endeavor leadership and true spiritual audacity that located the conference in this setting, and as a result maximum benefit was gained from the gathering of Endeavorers.

The limited number of delegates made it possible for us to enjoy the richest and sweetest fellowship with Endeavorers from all areas and this unique Endeavor spirit that leaps national, racial, language and denominational barriers, in Christian love and unity, was very much in evidence in Mexico City. What a delightful surprise to discover such a band of dedicated, enthusiastic and progressive members of our movement in Mexico, and also in the adjoining country of Guatemala. We came to ap-

preciate, respect and love these grand folk and will remember with gratitude their generous and tireless hospitality, their open-hearted friendship, and their deep desire to glorify their Saviour and ours. In the fun of the unforgettable Fiesta, or in the sacred moments of the Communion service; in the spontaneous singing of hymns or in the quiet moments of prayer; in times of study or in relaxing outings—we found them genuine servants of Christ their Lord, with His light shining through them with persistence and purity.

And the quality of the singing! The choirs that ministered to us night by night were accomplished musicians who sang with the heart and the understanding as well. One of the abiding memories of this Conference will be the surprising quality of the music, and its blessing in our lives.

It was no surprise, however, to find Christ central in the conference. He is the pre-eminent One in our movement, and when He ceases to be just that, then Christian Endeavor will cease to exist. And in the beautiful and spacious Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, right in the heart of the city, Christ was declared as the unchanging and inextinguishable Light of the

World. Leaders of World and Area Christian Endeavor faithfully declared the will of God, and in group studies and chats between delegates, the name of Christ was consistently exalted. We left Mexico City lost anew "in wonder, love and praise" at His grace and love in redeeming us, calling us to share in His wonderful secret and praying that we might shine as clearly as "lights in a dark world, holding forth the Word of Life."

Mr. Tinsley is shown with his wife Joy as they participated in conference sessions and socializing.



MEXICO

We, the Endeavorers of Mexico, are very glad because the Lord gave us the glorious opportunity to receive into our National Union of Christian Endeavor in Mexico the Third Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union for the Pacific Area.

The Prince of Peace Church, located in the heart of Mexico City, opened its doors on August 17 to begin the activities. The first thing we saw was a sign made with natural flowers of vivid colors that said: "WELCOME!" In front of the church there was a large map of the world, and in its center the monogram of Christian Endeavor, as if telling of the universal meaning of Christian Endeavor.

These were for me unforgettable days because we had never before had the ex-

perience of living together with Endeavor leaders from Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the United States and Guatemala; and I believe this meeting wrote a new page in the history of the Evangelical Church of Mexico.

The Endeavorers of the Heralds of Christ Society of the Prince of Peace Church were always ready to make our days in Mexico City happy and pleasant. Of the organization I can only say that it was magnificent. Dr. Benjamin Brisenio, Rev. Abel Clemente V., Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha, and the local arrangements committee took care of everything with order and efficiency and for this our hearts rejoiced.

The reception was also magnificent and the messages given by the various leaders made us realize the magnitude of Christian Endeavor and how much we can do "For Christ and the Church."

The presence in Mexico of great leaders and servants of God made us feel very happy as we saw them working actively with the Endeavorers of Mexico. Among so many of them we noticed the presence of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Harold E. Westerhoff, Dr. Earle W. Gates, Phyllis I. Rike, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, and the captivating delegate Izumi Watanabe, from Japan.

The typical Mexican fiesta was an un-

forgettable moment for all of us. Nonetheless, all I have mentioned before we have been EMPTY if Christ had not been the source of inspiration and if all the objects presented by the Findings Commission had not been treated in true Christian spirit. The most important among those subjects were the following ones:

- Possibility of a field secretary for the World Christian Endeavor in Latin America
- Translating and printing in Spanish some materials to serve as a guide for Endeavorers
- Establishing a Pan-American or Inter-American Union within Area I, to include Christian Endeavor in all of the countries of the Americas

I believe that approval of these principles and a few others will help Christian Endeavor greatly in Latin America, studying them the interest of our great endeavor leaders, such as Dr. Poling, Meadows, Mr. Westerhoff, Rev. Shackleford, Mrs. Bryan, and many others was evident.

We trust and hope that very soon (willing) all the above-mentioned points will become a reality for the glory of God as a testimony of the success attained by the III Conference of the Pacific Area.

We rejoice that we can say with the psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 124).

Mr. Tijerina and Phyllis I. Rike, editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, look at press clippings during the Mexico City conference.



THIRD PACIFIC AREA CONFERENCE

DANIEL A. LAPARRA G. is the president of Christian Endeavor in Guatemala. He led a group of delegates from his country to Mexico City for the conference. Special presentations were made by these Endeavorers of hand-woven ties with the quetzal (national bird of Guatemala) and Guatemalan Christian Endeavor tie clips to Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, and Harold E. Westerhoff.

much emotion I had awaited the Third Conference of the Pacific that was to be celebrated in Mexico. We ten young people who were to attend our Guatemalan National Union had many experiences on the long trip that almost 45 hours from this City of Tenango to Mexico City. Although I was tired, we had peace in our hearts thanks to God.

My long-awaited experience in attending the conference was indeed a great one. Although I had believed sincerely that the language obstacle would be a great one, I felt none of the isolation that I had feared. I always found in the representatives of the United States, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Canada ready smiles and sincere words of friendship that filled my heart with joy. How I thanked God for our unity in Christ!

LAPARRA is second from left in this group of Guatemalan delegates who attended the conference.



DR. CLYDE W. MEADOWS, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, journeyed to Mexico City with the International Mexican Fellowship Tour. During the conference he gave the Thursday night evangelistic message and led a group for pastors. He also spoke at the Saturday morning Quiet Hour session. In the evening session he led the delegates in song.

The theme of the conference was "Christ, Light of the World." Conditions in the world have changed greatly from the days of Columbus and Cortez and their sailing ships. The modern jet airplane transportation has shrunk the world to a fraction of its original size for all practical purposes, but the stars still guide by the same stars.

Notwithstanding all of the affairs of men there come many changes through science, technology, and discoveries, but in matters of the soul, salvation from sin, and living the Christian life, in our attitudes and relationship to God and man we have no other light than Jesus Christ, the Son of the Saviour of man, the Light of the World. If we accept Him and follow Him we walk in the light. If we reject or neglect Him we walk in darkness and are lost.

The central truth was emphasized throughout the conference from the opening address of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, to the closing remarks by the field secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Harold E. Westerhoff.

There was a unity of spirit and purpose as well as felt in all the sessions of the conference. "We are one in Christ" was spoken in word but more significantly

in the classes, as I'm sure I, too, will be able to do. This was made possible because the classes, like those of Dr. Clyde Meadows, were so comprehensible and so well explained in discussion. Likewise were the general meetings and the very important personal talks with the officers of the World's Union.

The Mexican fiesta presented by the young people of the Mexican Christian Endeavor was a delight for all those in attendance.

Although the four days seemed to me as short almost as a few minutes, they were extremely profitable ones. Our farewells, though sad, left us with the hope of seeing each other once again.

Personally I would say that those who attended gained a great deal more, perhaps, even than those who planned the conference. I only hope that one day we might have such a conference in Guatemala.

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The conference faced frankly the problems of Christians in the world of today, but with an optimism born of strong faith in the Lord and the power of the Gospel of Christ as it is proclaimed and lived by the faithful followers of our Lord.

It was encouraging to sense the deep spiritual tone and evangelical emphasis that has been characteristic of Christian Endeavor since its beginning as a youth movement in 1881. Delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Guatemala, Canada, Mexico, and the United States seemed eager to witness for Christ and tell of the activities in their various countries for Christ and the Church under the banner of Christian Endeavor.

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ABOVE—Rev. J. Wesley Siebert (left) presents Canadian flag to Garza Rocha, Mexican Union president, in appreciation of banner received by the Canadian Union during the Citizenship vocation in Ottawa.

LEFT—Two Guatemala delegates hold high their flag, with two States Endeavorers from Texas giving an assist with the Guatemala

MEXICO CITY IN PHOTOS



ABOVE, LEFT—Mrs. Nancy Thomas, official New Zealand representative, is the wife of a missionary at Puebla; ABOVE, CENTER—Dr. Earle W. Gates speaking at General Assembly; ABOVE, RIGHT—Professor David Macias, vice-president of the national Society for Mexico, speaks to delegates.



Dr. Federico J. Huegel (left), long-time Disciples of Christ Latin American missionary, spoke at the Friday night session. With him is Richard Frantz, Evangelical Congregational missionary who brought a carload of delegates from Edinburg, Texas.

Conference delegates on the steps of the Monument to the Boy Heroes of Chapultepec, following laying ceremony on Friday afternoon.





The Felix Mendelssohn Choir of Prince of Peace Church presents the sacred music concert which brought the conference to a glorious climax on Saturday night.

Nurses from the Presbyterian Hospital "La Salud" in Mexico City were a prominent part of the conference.



Popular delegate was Rev. Izumi Watanabe, secretary of the Japanese Christian Endeavor. Here he is speaking during the Friday evening Quiet Hour period, with Esperanza Bada listening.



Dr. Clyde W. Meadows leads the pastors' conference.

Enjoying a stroll with five attractive Mexican Endeavorers is Harold E. Vesterhoff. The National Palace is in the background. Conference delegates enjoyed sightseeing Thursday and Friday afternoons.



Top Presbyterian leaders of Mexico talking with Dr. Daniel A. Poling (right) are Dr. David Macias, president of the General Assembly, and Hazael T. Marroquin (center). Dr. Macias spoke at the closing conference session.

Through the Eyes of the General Secretary

A Report of the Pacific Area Conference by Harold E. Westerhoff,
General Secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union

"BIENVENIDOS A MEXICO"—or "Welcome to Mexico"! This was the greeting we faced on every hand as we went to the capital city of the Aztecs, renowned crown city of Latin America, home of rulers and emperors from the time of the Aztecs to Maximilian, for the Third Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

In brilliant fresh native flowers this greeting was emblazoned across the expansive entrance to the Prince of Peace National Presbyterian Church of Mexico City. It was written in the smiles and gracious handshakes of every Mexican Christian Endeavorer as we arrived for the conference. It was shouted at us as we walked from our plane at the airport. We read it on the huge banner that greeted us as we entered our hotel. And it was manifested every turn of the way as our Mexican hosts did everything that was humanly possible to make our stay in Mexico a never-to-be-forgotten experience and to make the conference count for the most "For Christ and the Church."

The Third Pacific Area Conference, like its predecessor conferences, served to again underscore the common problems that face the church and Christian youth in every land. Under the theme of "Christ, the Light of the World," delegates to the conference were reminded that Christ is the answer to these problems.

In 1952 the first such conference was held in Honolulu, in the land that is now the fiftieth state in the United States. Then the theme was "With Christ at the Crossroads." In 1956 the second conference was held high up in the missionary retreat, Karuizawa, in Japan. In all three conferences the delegates came from many walks of life and from many countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. Out of the Mexico City conference emerged a common conviction that youth in the nuclear age, no matter of what country, face problems of immense proportions. Throughout the conference there was emphasis on the role that the church as a movement, and Christian youth in particular, must play in the community of nations.

By unanimous acclaim of the delegates the conference called on World's Union leaders for a number of things, including: (1) a regular interchange of ideas and materials among the unions, with the appointment of a liaison officer to carry this out; (2) the appointment of a field secretary for Latin America to coordinate, promote, and expand the work of Christian Endeavor throughout Central and South

America; (3) the translating and printing of Christian Endeavor materials in Spanish for use in city and country churches in Central and South America; (4) an intensive program of evangelism throughout the area; (5) a program of encouragement to assist young Endeavorers in needy areas to prepare themselves for full-time Christian service.

There was an educational and training aspect to the conference, too. On three mornings there were five simultaneous group studies, eagerly attended by all the delegates, with special appeal to Young People, Intermediates, Pastors, Union Leaders, and Bible students. Capable, trained leadership for these groups included Rev. John Shackleford, missionary in Guatemala from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha, president of the National Christian Endeavor Union of Mexico; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; Rev. Abel Clemente V., minister of the host church; and Rev. Allan S. Tinsley, president of the Australian National Christian Endeavor Union.

A very colorful moment in the conference involved the processional of flags of the nations represented in the conference. First came the Christian flag, followed by the Christian Endeavor emblem, followed by the several national emblems carried by an official delegate from each country. Because of unforeseen diplomatic problems it was not possible for the Korean delegates to enter Mexico; the Korean flag was carried by a young Christian Endeavorer from Mexico. These colorful flags were reproduced in full color on the special conference hymnal which was assembled by the local committee.

Never tiring and eagerly wanting even more than was scheduled in the official program, the delegates assembled early one evening for a special showing of slides by the Guatemala delegation and films of Christian Endeavor in Japan, shown by the field secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor.

Perhaps one of the most significant moments for the delegates was a visit to the Monument to the Boy Heroes of Chapultepec, where the delegates placed a beautiful floral tribute. Standing at the foot of the castle hill, in beautiful Chapultepec Park, the monument is to the heroic Mexican cadets who fell defending the castle during the United States invasion. All of them preferred death to raising the white flag of surrender; the last one jumped from the precipice with the Mexican flag wrapped

around him, in order to save it. A floral tribute was laid near the conflagration that burns in the Monument to Independence, honoring the Mexican who died in battle. This outstanding monument, completed in 1910, consists of a foot high white marble column, mounted by a gilded angel; the base figures around the base represent Justice, War, and Peace.

Following a stirring concert by the Mendelssohn Choir of the Prince of



Harold E. Westerhoff (right) speaks to conference delegates. His interpreter is talented Villanueva R., treasurer of the local arrangements committee.

National Presbyterian Church, the conference ended. But it ended to begin again the lives of those who will be influenced by it. We went our separate ways back to many countries from which we came, to homes and loved ones, back to our local churches and Christian Endeavor societies. But we did not leave as we came. The fellowship of our meeting together, the inspiration of the messages, the joy of excursions together, the blending of voices in song—all had their impact. We moved out from that sacred place, posing to do greater things for Christ the Church through Christian Endeavor.

With mixed feelings we stood at the close of the conference in Mexico City at the same time we stood at the opening of new days of victory for Christ the Christian Endeavor. We pledged prayers in support of each others' work, prayed that God might bring a great harvest from the seeds that had been planted during the conference. And we left the song on our lips—"In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."



Members of the Findings Committee listening to Chairman Earle W. Gates are (seated, left to right) Rev. Allan S. Tinsley, Australia; Rev. Izumi Watanabe, Japan; and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, United States.

Know Your America Week

"Consider the Blessings of Freedom" is the theme for this year's observance of Know Your America Week, to be held November 18-21. On Sunday, November 20, churches are urged to emphasize "The Faiths by Which We Live." This annual observance is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism to encourage citizens to dedicate themselves to the preservation of basic American principles. Christian Endeavor societies in the United States might enter participation in such an observance as their project in the current Citizenship Awards Program. They may incorporate for this week in their community operations with those already at work. A copy of the manual **How to Organize a Community-Wide Know Your America Week** and the booklet **Twenty Questions and Answers** will be sent free upon request. Write to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

What Do You Read?

As often been said, "You are what you read." October is Protestant Press Month—time to review the books and magazines you've been reading lately. F. H. Henry, editor of **CHRISTIANITY TODAY**, asks, "Next to the Bible, what you ought to have priority but books and magazines that exalt the Christian faith relate it to the tumult of our times? One without such literature is a home church; evangelical faith is apt to walk by itself."

Editor of **CHRISTIAN LIFE**, Robert A. Bell, says, "The man or woman who doesn't know what the Holy Spirit is doing in the world today is cheating himself. Only Christian periodicals can we as Christians keep up to date with the progress of the Gospel." So take a look at what you've been reading.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDS

Nominations for awards in the 12th annual program must be mailed by November 30, to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Cash, honor medals, plaques, historic documents and honor certificates are being offered for writings written, said, or done during the year ending October 31 that have brought a better understanding of the American Way of Life. Write to the International Society for a descriptive folder with a nomination blank.

Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, receives a Freedoms Foundation award for a sermon delivered last year from Dr. Kenneth D. Wells (right), president of the Freedoms Foundation.



The World-Wide Appeal of Christian Endeavor

By Rev. John D. Barnett

General Secretary, Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union

Area II Council of the World's Union was held at Rothesay from 31st May to 2nd June and it was my privilege to represent Scotland. These three days proved to be some of the most precious days of my life. Words fail to describe the challenge and inspiration of that conference.

Never before have I realized so vividly the way God is using Christian Endeavor as one of His instruments for the training of so many young people in every part of the world. Reports, slides, films, personal conversations brought this home to me with tremendous force. Gathered there were representatives of thousands of Endeavorers from many nations; from Holland came Cryna van de Wiel and Sister Francine; from Spain, the seat of religious persecution, came the fiery young Enrique Capó; from Austria came Karl Mueller and the "Duchess" (I never found out her real name!); Harold Westerhoff, the general secretary of Christian Endeavor in North America, flew in from Columbus; from Portugal came the Rev. Agostinho Arbiol, equipped with camera and flash bulbs; a young man from Trinidad (we called him "Jag" for short); and five from Germany, including the Rev. Arno Pagel, president of German Christian Endeavor and Willy Lehmann from Berlin.

Two incidents will long remain with me. The first was when the national Christian Endeavor unions gave their reports. I shall never forget the report of Willy Lehmann as he told of Christian Endeavor work in Eastern Germany and where the following Sunday he would be preaching in an East German Church. Today there are as many Endeavorers in Eastern Germany as there are in the Western—around 40,000. According to Arno Pagel, "there is not a keener crowd of Endeavorers in the world." We will continue to uphold our brothers and sisters as they serve the same Lord amid great persecution.

In presenting his report, Arno Pagel spoke of the great work that the German Christian Endeavorers are doing in holding Tent Missions. At the present moment 50 tents are in use, each accommodating 500-1,000 and more people. German Endeavorers are very much a missionary-minded people—"We train our young people to bear other people's problems and help other nations. After the war, many thousands of our German children would have died, if it had not been for the help of other nations, such as Britain and the United States, and it is now our privilege, who have thus been helped, and who are now financially secure, to help other nations in a similar plight." Recently \$3,575 was given by them to help Christian Endeavor work in Portugal, Pakistan, and India. "The love of Christ binds us all together."

Christians in Spain (with a population of 30,000,000 and only 30,000 Protestants) are not allowed to publish literature or advertise meetings. In an encouraging report, Rev. Enrique Capó told how they held youth camps and leaders' training courses for Christian Endeavor members. Although the Portuguese Union has only recently been formed with seven societies, it was stimulating to hear the report from Rev. A. Arbiol, small in stature, but with a big heart. The next Area II Conference will be held in Portugal in 1963.

It was a joy to have Harold Westerhoff, Area I Secretary and General Secretary of the International Society, with us at Rothesay (and Glasgow). In a moving way he related to us a pilgrimage he had made to the three shrines of Christian Endeavor: the birthplace of Dr. Francis E. Clark; the Williston Congregational Church; and the grave where Dr. and Mrs. Clark are buried.

What a moving meeting the last session proved to be! Dr. James Kelly, a vice-president of the World's Union, scrapped his prepared address, and gave us in a simple yet challenging way his testimony of the Lord's goodness down the years ever since he first took part in a Junior Christian Endeavor meeting. Then we stood . . . from many nations . . . of differing tongues . . . and repeated together the prayer the Lord taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father . . ."—imagine the thrill as we repeated it together, each in his own language, knowing that to the God and Father of us all there was no language barrier.

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"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

By James Murdoch

"Why does God allow me to be tempted?" asks many a young Christian and in so doing echoes the thoughts of saints down the ages ever since our first parents fell in the Garden of Eden. Not only so—the Bible and the record of history show us that many good men have fallen to temptation and lived to regret having done so. It is something we meet every day of our lives and we must be ready to fight it as true Christian soldiers.

How Are We Tempted?

Temptation comes to us in many forms, but usually there is some element of the three things found in the temptation of Eve. She saw "that the tree was good for food"—through appetite; "and that it was pleasant to the eyes"—through sight; "and a tree . . . to make one wise"—the desire to have an advantage over others (Genesis 3:6). In the New Testament we find it described as "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (I John 2:16).

Our carnal (wordly) nature craves for the forbidden thing often for no other reason than that it is forbidden! It is a fact of unredeemed human nature that the grass on the other side of the fence always seems greener than on our side. But you say, "I am redeemed, I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins and I am trusting Him for my salvation, yet I am still tempted to sin."

By Whom Are We Tempted?

To answer that question we ask two others: Who tempted Adam and Eve? Who tempted Jesus after His baptism? You do not need to be given the answers for you know the Devil is the tempter and he does it in order to keep us from living clean, pure, Christ-honoring lives. Once we have given our lives to Christ, Satan knows he is defeated in his prime object, which is to keep us entirely on the world's side, but his next objective is then to make us ineffective in Christ's service. Thus he tries to make it appear that our faith means little to us and to keep us indistinguishable in many respects from those who have made

no profession at all. Our founder, Francis E. Clark, knew all about this and that is partly why Christian Endeavor was born, to help us "lick the Devil."

How to Meet Temptation

First: AVOID IT!

Does that seem like running away from it? I do not know who wrote the couplet "He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day!" but it is sound good sense as far as temptation is concerned. A child soon learns that it is silly to play with fire. Do not therefore run the risk of playing with the fires of your emotions. You know only too well that if you open certain magazines and books they will be full of unwholesome stories and pictures; therefore, leave them alone! The converted drunkard knows better than to go into a cocktail bar or drinking saloon. For him it would be "playing with fire." It is just as foolish for young people to sit in a darkened car at a drive-in movie watching Hollywood love scenes and imagine they will not be tempted.

Paul knew all about this for he wrote to the young man Timothy, "Flee also youthful lusts" and then went on to suggest positive action, "but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call upon the Lord out of a pure heart" (II Timothy 2:22). Do not run the risk of losing your purity by tampering deliberately with that which is impure.

Second: RESIST IT!

Some people have the idea that to be tempted is sinful, but it is when we *yield* to the temptation that the sin is committed. We have tried to show the foolishness of walking into temptation, but what of the occasion when we are faced with it unexpectedly? Someone asks us to tell a lie; we overhear something we are not supposed to and to repeat it would betray a confidence; we see a poster which starts up a train of unworthy thoughts—what can we do about it?

Resist the temptation every time. Do not yield an inch. Use the Master's words, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" As an Endeavorer remember you have promised that "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength. . . I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." If you resist the Devil, will God let you down? Of course not, and yet many of us are living defeated lives because we are not prepared to take God at His word. In the hour of temptation, think of the victory won for us by the Saviour on the cross and in the words of the chorus, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

He who won the great victory for us will help us to win these lesser victories day by

day. I wish all who read this would print at least one verse of Scripture their minds and hearts. It meant so much to me as a young Christian in my late (as it still does). I give it to you in J. B. Phillips' translation, but also in your King James version—I Thimians 10:13: "No temptation has your way that is too hard for flesh blood to bear. But God can be trusted to allow you to suffer any temptation yond your powers of endurance. He see to it that every temptation has a out, so that it will never be impossible for you to bear it." What a wonderful promise! The battle is won for us before start, if only we will TRUST and O

Third: REMOVE IT!

A student at Oxford University decorated his room with pin-ups of stars and this distressed his girl friend first time she visited him there. However she said nothing but the second time went she took with her a print of H. Hunt's famous painting "Christ, the Son of the World" and unseen by the put it up on another part of the wall. Next time she visited him, there was one picture on the wall—the one of Saviour. The others could not stay where was there.

Can He go with you to that place of amusement? I did not ask, "Can you go with Him with you?" for it is only too easy to say "Yes," because it is something we want to indulge in. Can the Lord go with us into that friendship, or must we stay outside for the conversation is unworthy of Him? Are there some things in our lives which must be removed because they are only leading us into temptation? Yes, even though they have become dear to us?

"The dearest idol I have known

Whate'er that idol be.

Help me to tear it from Thy throne

And worship only Thee."

Fourth (and as Paul puts it): "FINALLY, BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD"

(See Ephesians 6:10-18)

We are not called upon to fight this in our own strength. The Christian soldier has resources of which the men and women of the world know nothing. Ere we wake out in the morning let us not forget to spend our Quiet Hour with God. Who ever of a soldier going out without his armor? We must put on the "whole armor of God" with the shield of faith out in front to quench the fiery darts" which will come at us many times during the day. As it draws to its close may we be able to say each night, again with the great Apostle, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).

Mr. Murdoch, whose home is in Glasgow, is an active member of the Scottish National Union and is president-designate of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland (which includes the Scottish, Irish, and Welsh national unions). Mr. Murdoch is in the printing business and often writes Christian Endeavor materials. He served as chairman of the local committee for the recent Scottish and British Conventions held in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

1961 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM OFFERS MANY HONORS FOR SOCIETIES

Christian Endeavor societies or youth groups or combinations of groups in local churches in the United States and Canada are eligible to participate in the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program. The majority of the entrants must be under 25 years of age. Each group must sponsor and report completed Christian citizenship activity after March 1, 1960. All entries must be mailed by February 6, 1961.

Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, the goals achieved or achieved, and the manner in which it implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* Areas of suggested activity in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, recreation, race relationships, gambling, obscene literature, observance of the Lord's Day.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for youth groups include cash, trips, prizes, and certificates. First award is in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of one or more representatives (who must be members of the award-winning society) and the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago, July 1961.

Second award is \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for expenses of one or more youth representatives at the Chicago Convention. Third award is \$100 in cash, with fourth place winning \$75 and \$50 going to groups placing fifth. For the next 20 groups up the award is \$25 each. Prizes will be presented to these top winners, with Honor Certificates to all qualified entrants.

How to Enter

Study the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and select some significant

Christian citizenship activity. Here are some suggestions:

- A crusade against gambling or obscene literature
- A reception for new citizens
- Starting a Junior Christian Endeavor society for underprivileged children
- Organizing a prayer cell to pray for government leaders
- An All-American dinner, inviting representatives of all races found in the community
- Planned visits to local government agencies
- Participation in Know Your America Week November 20-26; write to Christian Endeavor International for a free manual
- A "Get Out the Vote" campaign
- Supervising a playground for underprivileged children
- A special study series on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics
- A Christian citizenship display in some public place
- A paint-up, fix-up, clean-up campaign for the neighborhood
- A community safety campaign
- Sponsoring a series of family stay-at-home nights in the community

After the project is selected, organize the society for action. Keep a full record of objectives, plans, and accomplishments.

Send the completed entry form along with a written report of the activity, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc., to the International Society by February 6, 1961.

For a folder giving complete Awards Program details and a copy of the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* write to the Citizenship Director of the International Society, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



citizenship projects entered by societies in the 1960 contest are pictured at right. —Senior Society members of the United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio, placed a window display in the local telephone office, emphasizing "Keep the Church at the Center." SECOND FROM TOP—Money from picking berries and other projects made by the girls helped provide gifts valued at \$235 to the Navajo Mission. —These Endeavorers of Hillside Congregational Church, Forest Grove, Oregon. THIRD FROM TOP—A church library was the project of Endeavorers at Calvary Episcopal Brethren in Christ Church, Rockford, Ohio, with 92 books now available. BOTTOM—"The Empty Room" was the Christmas pageant given as a service project by the Young People's Society at Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.





During the months of January and February Christian Endeavor will be on display along the highways of the United States and Canada, thanks to the Outdoor Poster Program.

Again in 1961 outdoor poster companies will contribute space for these attractive full-color posters, which carry the message *Forward—For Christ and the Church and Attend Christian Endeavor Regularly* in bold letters. The Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., has recognized this program as a worthy public service project.

Outdoor poster chairmen are being appointed now by state and provincial unions. Societies and local unions are urged to work closely with these chairmen in securing space contributions from local poster plant owners and financial gifts from Endeavorers to cover the cost of the posters.

November 15 is the deadline for placing poster orders. Cost is \$4.75 each, or a quantity rate of \$4.50 each when 50 or more are purchased. Payment must accompany all orders.

This is one of Christian Endeavor's best advertising channels. Millions will be reached by this highway evangelism which points them to Christ and the Church and to Christian Endeavor in the church.

For complete information and guidance bulletins, write to Phyllis I. Rike, Outdoor Poster Program Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Christian Endeavor Celebrates 80th Anniversary February 2

February 2, 1961, will be a red-letter day for Christian Endeavor societies around the world, for it is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the movement.

Already a packet of materials for this birthday celebration is available. Christian Endeavor Week 1961 will be marked from January 29 to February 5, using the theme "In the World Together."

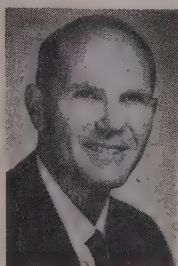
Sunday, January 29, is Denominational Day, when Christians seek to appreciate the history and work of their own churches. During the week services and projects such as a church fellowship night, evangelistic visitation, and a talent show are appropriate, with a party or banquet on February 5 to mark the actual birthday. Christian Endeavor Day is Sunday, February 5. To climax the week many groups will hold consecration services, using the theme "Forward—For the Church and the World."

This observance will dramatize the place and purpose of youth in the program of the church and community and help bring more youth to a full relationship with Christ and the church. It will focus attention upon the responsibilities youth have to the church and the church to youth. The basic oneness of Christians in Jesus Christ will be emphasized.

The Christian Endeavor Week Packet includes a full range of suggestions, plans, and resources, plus a radio and television program, suggestions for a "Circle 'Round" service, a sample copy of the new bulletin covers, a copy of the folder *The Christian Endeavor Story*, and many other helpful materials. For just 50c this valuable packet may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 100 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Order a packet today and begin plans for the 80th anniversary celebration!

New Union Presidents



Paul Bellwood (left) of Santa Barbara was elected to head the California Union at the state convention in June at San Jose. Arno Q. Weniger (right), leader of Minnesota Endeavorers for the coming year, lives in Hopkins. He is assistant pastor at Minnetonka Community Church in Minneapolis and is studying at Central C. B. Seminary, where he will receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree next June.

SCENES AT NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENT



During the North American Christian Convention July 12-15 in Columbus, Ohio, a reception was held at Christian Endeavor Headquarters honoring the two national winners in the essay contest sponsored by THE LOOKOUT magazine. In the left photo above Jay Sheffield (left), editor of THE LOOKOUT, introduces Ronald Keller of Glendora, California, and Helen Cooke of Grayson, Kentucky, to Deane Brown (right), educational secretary of the International Society. The right photo above shows Hermann and Eleanor J. Jones of Christian Endeavor Headquarters at the International Society.

shrinkage in the American dollar the past twenty years is all too familiar to many of us. Whether one is purchasing appliances, groceries or shoe repair, he receives for \$100 no more than \$35 or would have procured in 1940. Merely abreast of the deflated dollar, young people must give nearly three times as much for their church as their counterparts of decades ago.

And old words also suffer from shrinkage and devaluation. Let us try to restore some of the meaning and dignity to one word, which should again become significant to Christians.

HOLY

Value for an Old Word

HOLY is a word of grandeur; and so it has been applied by earlier Christians. It is the Holy Spirit who is the third member of the Holy Trinity. The Word of God comes to us in the Holy Bible. There is nothing new in the use of *holy* in the Church in centuries.

In modern speech, a loyal churchman is sometimes derided as a "holy Joe." The "holier than thou," is intended to ridicule those who call for high standards in social and civic life. We have borrowed that from those who, not taking Christ the Church seriously, like to poke fun at the divine, the sacred, the holy, with which churchmen should be concerned.

Our word comes from the Anglo-Saxon *hal*, and is closely related to *whole*, hale and healthy. In its original sense, *holy* stands for the godly and the values and for those persons and things worthy of veneration, adoration and worship. The holy thing is sacred, to be treated with reverence.

The word that we translate as *holy* bears witness to a history of man's changing idea of

typical of the older passages in the Old Testament is Exodus 3:5, in which God speaks to Moses: "Draw not nigh hither: off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Joshua, successor to Moses, rebuked the Israelites (in Joshua 24:19): "I cannot serve the Lord: for he is an angry God; he is a jealous God." That which holy was to invoke fear, it was unapproachable. One came to terms with the holy, the holy, only through sacrifices and ministrations of priests set aside to serve and plead for the people.

Holy took on a new and gracious meaning in four pre-Christian centuries of the

teachings of the Jewish prophets. With these inspired laymen began the people's earnest and reverent seeking for fellowship with God. That which was holy was not to be dreaded but to be sought in humble and simple faith.

In Isaiah 5 a new teaching, "God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness" (verse 16), is soon followed by warnings: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness" (v. 20) . . . "because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (v. 24).

The prophets assert that as God is just, righteous and merciful, He calls on man to apply like qualities in all his dealings. An approach to the concept of God the Father was being made—yet the Temple would continue to maintain its awesome, unapproachable Holy of Holies, to be entered only by the high priest and by him only once a year, on the Day of Atonement.

Great is the contrast when the sincere believer, trying to do what is right and trusting in God's grace and mercy, can be termed "holy and beloved" (Colossians 3:12). The New Testament shows God's Son coming among men to seek and to save and God's gift of the Holy Spirit who "shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (the words of Jesus, in John 14:26). Paul writes, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Fully justified indeed is that prophecy of Zacharias at the close of Luke 1, that we "might serve (God) without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

In seeking to practice goodness and virtue such as would not be possible to man without God's help, the Christian believer can be "holy, acceptable unto God." He acquires wholeness, spiritual health, as a humble but accepted child of God. He will not proclaim himself holy, godly, a saint, and yet in God's grace a sincere believer can so appear to, and consequently influence, his fellow men. He will suffer temptations and dark thoughts, but the Christian as he struggles against these has God on his side, for His Holy Spirit "dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17).

That which is holy is not far distant from us nor something to be cheapened and marked down in modern life, but rather a token of *God in man*. He made us, He would guide and guard us, and it is His world in which we live. In prayer, we confidently draw close to His holy presence. In Christian service, we witness that spiritual wholeness or health can mean much to us in A.D. 1960.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Meditation

Psalm 4; Psalm 77:10-13; Philipians 4:6-9; I Timothy 4:10-16.

When we engage in personal devotions, Bible reading and prayer seem to come more naturally than the meditation that is also suggested as part of our Quiet Hour with God. The word stands for "deep and continued reflection." Often such reflection may follow a fairly brief passage of Scripture, and one's earnest thought and high resolves may be followed by prayer that continues the period of deep reflection. Let us meditate at intervals during the day or later on the same theme. On later days, other Bible passages may be read to intensify the worshipper's concern with that subject. Attentive meditation during the Lord's Supper will often suggest themes for Bible reading, meditation and prayer.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 34; Colossians 2:6-10; Revelation 7:11-17.

A polite acknowledgement that "God has been good to me" is hardly an act of worship—but true thanksgiving is worship, as in the Lord's Supper. This gathering of the Christian flock "in remembrance of me" is in some communions called Eucharist, which in essence means thanksgiving. More than a day in the calendar, more than perfunctory grace before a meal, our thanksgiving for God's mercy, for His promises, and for the gift of His Son our Saviour should be continually expressed in personal worship and in service performed in Christ's name. "Live as one giving thanks."

"Thy Will"

Matthew 6:5-15; I Corinthians 12:4-18; I John 5:1-12.

All around the world, at any given moment of day or night, Christians are praying, "Thy will be done." We must searchingly ask ourselves how deeply we mean these familiar words. For "thy will" must be related to one's livelihood, his friends and pleasures, his stewardship of God's gifts, the social and economic life in which he shares. Surely each of us should be trying to live that prayer as well as to utter the familiar words: "*thy will be done*, and grant me strength and wisdom to help me do thy will." Since we live in a so-called Christian society, it is easy to accept the attitude of I'm-one-among-many. Shall we bear in mind that this prayer, on our own lips, should be our frequent *personal* commitment to help bring about God's reign in the world of men?

WITH YOUNG ADULTS

By Bert H. Davis

With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor includes with other helpful material a section presenting fifty-three topics suited to Young Adult meetings. The outline form of presentation is similar to the material on this page. This book was prepared by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis and may be secured from the Publishing Department of the International Society. Cost is 75c a copy.

When You Lose

II Timothy 2:1-10



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney*

Aims

1. To discover the Christian attitude toward defeat.
2. To examine our own conduct in defeat.
3. To seek Christ's aid in changing defeats into spiritual victories.

Topic Background

Our meetings in September featured a series of topics built around the general theme *What Makes a Winning Team?* We discussed as essentials *An Outstanding Coach*, *The Discipline of Training*, *A Desire to Win*, and *A Great Cheering Section*. We were all optimistic in September. Our football team hoped to win all its games. School was opening a new term. The inspiration of summer conferences was reflected in our enthusiastic programming of Christian Endeavor activities.

Now, after two months, the picture has changed. Our team has lost several tough games. Our report cards show something besides A's and B's. Our choice plans have not built up attendance at Christian Endeavor meetings as we had hoped. What is our attitude toward these defeats and discouragements? Are we plugging ahead with increased determination? How do we react to our failures? Does defeat bring out the best or the worst in us?

Anybody can be a good sport when winning. It takes a real Christian to smile when the breaks and close decisions go against him and when the other fellow receives the congratulations on a well-earned victory. Our discussion tonight should help us to become aware of our own attitudes in defeat and lead to a helpful exchange of suggestions so that we can be admired as good losers when necessary. Remember that "a winner never quits, and a quitter never wins."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*
Hymn: *The Love of God*
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Topic Background
Scripture: II Timothy 2:1-10
Leader's Introduction
Discussion by Three Speakers
Question and Answer Period
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

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QUESTIONS

1. How do you explain Lincoln's success after frequent defeats in politics?
2. Jesus was nailed to the cross after a brief ministry of three years. Was He a failure?
3. Can you give some illustrations of good sportsmanship in defeat?
4. Why would you prefer to lose honestly than to win by cheating?
5. Do good athletes generally show good sportsmanship in interscholastic competition?

Leader's Introduction

Our Scripture lesson forms part of Paul's pep talk to his youthful protegee Timothy. He encouraged Timothy to face up bravely to the difficulties in the church at Ephesus. It was the same city where Paul had been violently opposed and persecuted, but he had persevered to victory. Young Timothy was to expect similar heartaches that would test his courage, resourcefulness, and faith. Spiritual victories do not come easy. Defeats must be conquered. Therefore, Paul counseled, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Timothy was to endure everything for the sake of those whom he was striving to win for Christ. Three speakers will now discuss different ways by which we may profit by our defeats.

Defeats Are Inevitable

Of course, nobody wants to be a loser. We all are eager to win. We will put forth every ounce of energy to achieve a cherished victory. This urge to win is what makes the game and life itself interesting. Many games have been won in the closing moments as the apparent loser refuses to give up.

Yet we must face the fact that none of us can win every time whether it be in sports, or business, or in any of life's competitive activities. No one can teach us how to be successful always. It is part of the discipline of life to take defeat in good humor. The poor loser who always seeks an alibi for his defeat by denouncing the officials or complaining of bad breaks or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of his opponents has lost both the game and the sympathy of the spectators. To sulk when our plans are not accepted by the group or to quit in resentment when our cherished program fails to succeed is to brand ourselves as immature and unchristian. As we learn to be both good winners and good losers, our souls grow, our dispositions are sweetened, and our characters are stiffened.

Defeats Need Not Crush Us

How to triumph over our defeats and to go ahead serenely and undaunted is one of the lessons we must learn under the tutelage of the Supreme Coach. Consider the Biblical illustration of the experience of David, one of the world's best losers. David dreamed of doing a noble thing. He planned to build a beautiful temple of worship unto God. He consulted architects and investigated materials as the building took form

in his imagination. But one day the message came to him that the dream of life could never be realized: "Thou hast well that it was in thine heart. Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house" (I Chron. 22:3, 5; 28:18b, 19a).

The hope of David's life was shattered. Did he quit or fret or grow resentful? He was a good loser. Diligently he gathered together the finest materials possible and communicated his vision to others and enlisted their cooperation. He raised vast sums of money. David thus enabled his successor, Solomon, to do in a magnificent manner what he could not accomplish. We are greatly indebted to good losers whose daunted persistence has laid the foundation for the success of others. Good losers are true friends and become helpful associates. They help to develop true community and to accomplish all worthwhile enterprises of faith and service.

Defeats Are Valuable

Remember the story of Aladdin's magic lamp which gave the possessor unlimited success and the story of King Midas whose touch turned everything to gold? How unhappy were both of these lucky people soon because they had no more wishes. Nor could we be happy if we never had to face the possibility of defeat. Some defeats are essential to our happiness. We must endure disappointment, failure, and sorrow as divinely planned phases of life's discipline.

Moreover, by repeated defeats we learn valuable lessons of how not to do things. We gain experience which makes possible subsequent and greater victories. Even our final success does not crown our personal efforts, we can still hear the divine commendation: "Thou didst well that it was in thine heart." Men judge us merely by what we succeed in doing, not by the things to which we aspire. But God, who knows our inner thoughts, judges us by our failures. He blesses the purpose of our efforts, not merely our achievements.

Closing Illustration

Edgar Guest once told the story of a merchant in a small town who was overwhelmingly defeated in a local election and polled so few votes that he appeared ridiculous in the eyes of his neighbors. He was in danger of being laughed out of town and society. But the merchant won the good sport. He knew the perils of being a small town joke. So he beat the town to the punch.

The morning after the election he put a sign in his window: "\$25.00 reward for name of the man who cast that vote for me." Everybody saw the sign and everybody laughed. But they laughed with him, not at him. People came into his store to shake hands and congratulate him on his humor and sportsmanship. The threatened tragedy was transformed into a great success. How typical of daily life! We make of our defeats a ladder or a goal depending on the way we take them.

The Obedient Rechabites

Jeremiah 35



or High (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 6

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper*

of the Meeting

To stress the need for temperance to-
To show how opportunities to drink
be used as opportunities to witness.
To show the harm of drinking and the
taste of not drinking.
To show that God is pleased with
drinkers.
To show that abstinence will eventu-
ally triumph.

Tested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Prelude
Worship and Invocation
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 35
Song: *Let the Beauty of Jesus*
Announcements and Offering
Prayer
Song: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Rev.'s Comments
Discussion
Rev.'s Challenge (This may be directed
toward consecration.)
Song: *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*
Benediction

World Temperance Sunday

Today is World Temperance Sunday.
This is a time when we should consider
seriously the idea of drinking or not drink-
ing. We should look around us and think
about the evils of drink and the advantages
of not drinking. Youth have little to which
they may look forward if they surrender
to temptation to drink. What can be
done by following the trend toward drink-
ing? What can you gain by refusing to
drink? Both of these questions must be
considered in the light of the Scriptures and
the will of God.

Scripture Lesson

This portion of Scripture very definitely
gives us instruction for our own day. The
Rechabites refused to drink wine. They
were given instead the instructions which had
been given to them by God. Even though
wine was offered in the house of their
king they still refused. They were following
the instruction which had been given
initially.

Many in the modern church would use
the excuse as a license to drink. Many
would say that wine offered in such a
context would be all right. Not so with the
Rechabites. They refused because of former
instructions. We would do well to follow
the leadership and refrain from such
drinking. We would do well to follow the
leadership of former religious leaders and
refrain from things which will rob us of
effective leadership and weaken our position
in the church and a church.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the evidences of the need for temperance today?
2. How may opportunities for drinking be turned into opportunities for witnessing?
3. What is the danger of social drinking?
4. What are the effects of habit formation in the use of alcohol?
5. How does the Scripture lesson point to the displeasure of God against those who drink?
6. What may be the outcome of the life of a drinker? How does this compare with the outcome of the life of one who does not drink?

Need for Temperance

The latest figures on alcohol consumption in many nations are astounding. More is being spent for liquor than for both religious activities and education. Other amazing figures include the number of people arrested for drunken driving. In a recent year this exceeded the fifty thousand mark. Arrests for drunkenness also go over the one-half million mark each year. Many of these are youth and women. Many other such figures may be found in the current issue of *World Almanac*. It may also be interesting to note that over five thousand people each year are committed to an institution for insanity resulting from the excessive use of alcohol.

The Social Drinker

Of course much of the drinking today is the so-called *social* drinking. Much of the advertising on television points toward this type of activity. Let us not be fooled! All alcoholics started out to be social drinkers. They did not fall into their present condition because they desired it so. They were led into it by first being social drinkers. The formation of the habit led them farther and farther until their condition was hopeless for themselves, for their families, and for society.

The Alcoholic

The alcoholic has little to which he can look forward. He is past the limit to where he can be useful to society. No right-thinking boss will hire such a person. Of course some make a comeback. A few are helped back to a better position in society, but for each one who is rescued there are thousands who fail to make such a comeback. Their life is spent in the evils which rob them of their self-respect, financial security, the love of their family and friends, and all other worthwhile things.

Opportunities To Drink

If you have not had the opportunity to drink, you will have such in the near future. Some friends may invite you to come to a party where people will be drinking. The various organizations to which you belong or will belong often present drinking as a part of their social life. Opportunities are all around us. Sooner or later the opportunity will come to you. What will you do?

Will you drink in order to be a part of the crowd? Will you be led to believe that drinking socially is all right? Just remember the commands of God. Jesus taught against strong drink. The early church, yes, even the church of very recent years, took a stand against alcohol. Will you continue to take such a stand, or will you be swayed by advertising and society to do things which will rob you of the good which may come from a close relationship with Christ?

Witnessing

A refusal to drink will give you an opportunity to witness for Christ and the Church. The very fact that you refuse will cause others to see that you are different. If you accept the drink that is offered, you will become a part of the society which drinks. You will lose your individuality. A refusal, on the other hand, will set you apart. It may be awkward for a time, but you will triumph in the overall program for Christ. When enough youth take their stand for Christ and the Church, a different situation will arise in the world. We will be on the way to overcoming the evils which are caused by our failure to stand for Christ. We will be helping to provide the strength which is needed to maintain our high standards of physical and spiritual life. Failure of youth to witness in this way will be one more step toward the eventual destruction which comes to a nation which spends more for alcohol than for education and religion.

Testing Your Principles

The choice you must make between drinking and not drinking is a test of your Christian principles. What you actually believe is reflected in the way you act and the things you do. The Rechabites were tested and proved true to the commands of God. Will you prove to be as true to what you believe? Will you follow the teaching of Christ and the Church? If you fail, you will do untold damage to the framework of the Church, the teachings of Christ, and the foundations of our nations of freedom.

Pleasing God

God is not pleased with a nation and a people who are weak. He wants only the best in His work. He will accept only those who follow His teachings and witness to His mercy and goodness. Will you be in this number? Will you live and work for God? The first opportunity you have to take a drink socially or otherwise will be a determining factor in your life. Be prepared! Be ready to refuse and turn your refusal into a way of witnessing for the Christ whom you serve.

Victory Ahead

Victory will be determined by the youth of the world. We cannot change the habits of many people today. We must look for a better way. The better way lies in the choices of our youth. Our salvation is in the hands of youth. What will your choice be?

Into All the World Together

Mark 16:15



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder*

Attention, Leader!

The success of this lesson will depend upon your early planning and careful assigning of the projects. Check on assignments to see that you will be sure to have a program ready. Use a part of your time to discuss further plans suggested by the list of projects. This program should be planned in cooperation with the Missionary Committee of your society.

A Shrinking World

The world has grown smaller and smaller in terms of communication and transportation. A message can be sent around the world in less than one minute. In terms of world travel, it is only seven hours from New York to London; tomorrow it may be only six.

This shrinking of the world has made our opportunities and responsibilities as Christians larger and larger. It has brought us into contact with those who are without God and without hope in the world (Ephesians 2:12).

Our Christian Challenge

The task of the Christian Church was set forth by Jesus before He ascended into Heaven. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"; "Teach all nations"; "Be witnesses unto Me" (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8.)

The apostle Paul asked a series of pertinent questions: "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15.) These questions imply not only a preacher but also a sender. There are often more qualified workers available than available means to send them forth. There are always many more opportunities for the spread of the Gospel than there are persons or means available for the work.

We are never more than a prayer away from anyone. We must go with our missionaries in spirit and prayer. The reason it is so difficult to finance mission projects at home and abroad is that the hearts of church members are not in them, and therefore neither is their financial support.

Begin at Home

"Into all the world . . . to every creature" validates the statement, "Missions begin at home." Foreign missions programs often fail because there is no vision for winning lost souls at home. One cannot fulfill his obligation as a Christian through merely giving financial support to foreign missions. "All the world" and "every creature" include your home and mine, our community, and every person in our community.

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If one's heart is not moved with love and compassion for friends and neighbors who do not know Christ, how can he be concerned about those in faraway places? One who never seeks to win souls at home will never experience much success on the mission field. Every Sunday school class or Christian Endeavor society should be a mission field as well as a missionary force. There should be a constant seeking out of the unchurched and unsaved in a loving effort to bring them under the influence of Christian testimony and to the invitation to accept Christ as their own Saviour and Lord.

God's Plan

Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37,38). This same plan will still work.

"Look on the fields." Consider the condition of mankind. What hope is there outside of Christ? If we look with our hearts as well as our eyes, we will pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. The harvest is Christ's, and therefore He is the one who should send forth the laborers in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our responsibility is to be willing harvest hands following Christ's commission, "Go ye." The command has already been given.

Have we any right to expect so much preaching and teaching ourselves when millions have never heard the name of Christ? Should all the sacrifice be made by a few while we sit idly by, giving a little out of our abundance, praying a little, caring only a little that millions are living and dying without God and without hope?

We must be a witness in the place where we are today. And we must be willing to be led out into the larger fields tomorrow, even "unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

What Shall We Do?

The first purpose of Christian Endeavor is the winning of souls to Christ. How many souls have been won through your society this year?

Do your programs give the impression that you consider Christ and His work important? Poorly planned and poorly prepared services don't win persons to Christ and the church, nor do they strengthen those who are Christians.

Soul winners are busy people. They are growing spiritually through regular prayer and Bible study. They witness through all that they do. In school, quality of work and attitudes toward associates speak loudly. It is not possible for everyone to be an A student. The C student who does his best often accomplishes more in life than the A student who drifts along easily. This same principle applies to all of life.

Visitation in homes of those on society and church prospect list is the effective means of reaching them for and the church. Distributing tract keeping tract racks supplied in depot and other public places are also effective. Visiting the sick, shut-ins, the aged, prisoners, etc. is also a vital part of Christian work.

Many more churches and Christian Endeavor societies should assume the support of a mission worker or the education of a national student. Some churches have special projects such as medical missions, educational projects, or they are sponsoring a missionary broadcast. Every church has some definite projects for which it is responsible to pray and give.

Establish goals for yourself and for your society which will require real effort to attain. Then get busy on the job.

Projects

Choose several of the following projects and then build a part of your program around the reports of the findings. Missionary and Lookout Committees want to consider the rest.

1. Have several members interview missionaries either in person or by letter. Ask them the following questions and keep careful records of the answers. Have each bring his report to the meeting. (Name, address of missionaries who are home on furlough or retired may be secured through your pastor or through your church or denominational missions office.)

a. What led you to give your heart to this work?

b. What methods seem to you to be most necessary in Christian work—prayer, preaching, or personal witness?

c. As you see it, what is the greatest need in the Christian Church today?

d. What should we be doing at home in our congregation? In our Christian Endeavor society? As individual Christians?

2. Have others use the same questions to interview your pastor, your Sunday school superintendent, one or two ministers or Christian leaders in your community, some businessmen (not necessarily all Christian), and your school principal.

3. Make a map of your community showing every home and learn how many families do not attend any church. This could be used for a visitation project.

4. Secure a world globe or map and use little pin flags to mark the places where your church is actively supporting missionaries and mission work. This information can be secured through the missions department of your denominational headquarters. Include home missions and church extension projects too.

5. What percentage of the total membership of your church or Christian Endeavor society went for missions last year? How much money?

Into All the World Together

Mark 16:15



High (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 13

Comments by Kate Vanderberg*

for the Topic

To realize that the whole Church, including Junior Highs, is needed to carry the mission program of the Church. To discover what Christian Endeavor can contribute in time, talents, and money for the missionary projects of the Church. To become increasingly sensitive to the need of full-time Christian workers for the world and the Church.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Pray that as a result of the meeting there is to follow, a definite mission project may be launched or some service undertaken which will help to bring souls to Christ.)
Sing Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (Pray for your church's missionaries by name.)
Victory Talk by the Leader
Launch the four parts of the topic, followed by an appropriate hymn after each part.)
Discussion of Missionary Project, Questions, Informative Material
Prayer Service
Sing Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
Benediction

Introduction

Mark 16:15, Jesus was speaking to His disciples who were the nucleus of the Church at that time. So Jesus is speaking to the whole Church today in the words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Every Christian is needed in the mission program of the Church. The world is the field in which the Church is to work, and therefore the whole Church is needed to carry on this work. Sometimes we think that the work of world evangelism rests upon the shoulders of the missionaries who are out in the vanities of the earth. These missionaries need the prayers and the financial support of the part of the Church at the home. What a wonderful combination we have when consecrated missionaries plus dedicated Christians at home go "into all the world together!"

The Church is not to wait until the time which needs the Gospel badly, comes. The Church is to go to the world with the Gospel. You might say that this is a big order. The order is just as big as the world; the message includes everyone, and everyone must be told.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should the Church be so eager to spend so much time and money for missions all over the world? Isn't it enough to confine the activities to those who come within the reach of the established church in a given place?
2. Why does the Church feel that spreading the Gospel is its particular task?
3. How long must the Church carry the Gospel to all parts of the world?

Perhaps we feel unqualified, as Moses did, for the responsibility to launch out with God to witness to others. God does not expect the impossible. God overcame Moses' objections by providing him Aaron as a spokesman (Exodus 4:10-16), and so God will supply the quality we may feel lacking in ourselves for effective witnessing. God has given His children capabilities needed for the work He calls them to do. The uneasiness and hesitancy of the young Christian can be overcome by launching out on faith after the needed preparation for acceptable and effective work. Preparation is needed, but if the heart is willing to serve, God will open the way; we must prayerfully make use of the opportunities which God makes available to us. There is a place of service for each one in the great program of the Church.

The Church's Message

The message which Jesus Christ Himself has entrusted to the Church is condensed very simply in that familiar verse, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." If souls are lost, it is not because redemption has not been accomplished for them, but because for some reason those souls did not accept the Gospel message. May it never be said of the Church that it has not sent out the message to all the world as Jesus commanded! (Sing *Jesus Saves*, stanzas 1 and 4.)

The Need of the Message

The message of redemption is sorely needed in the world today. It is a universal need. Unless the Gospel is preached to people, none will have eternal life. There is no other means of salvation than faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. This message must be proclaimed to the world! (Sing *Send the Light*, stanzas 1 and 3.)

The Scope of the Message

No one is excluded from the Gospel. Regardless of his race, color, or social standing, the message is for everyone. Since the message is for all sinners and all have sinned, no one can claim exemption. (Sing *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*, especially stanzas 3 and 4.)

The Proclaimers of the Message

Every Christian is needed in the work of evangelizing the world. God uses people with different abilities. Some can preach,

some can teach, some as Paul says in I Corinthians 12:28 are set in the Church as apostles, and some as prophets. So there are various types of workers needed. There is a need for doctors, nurses, workers in rural communities, and workers in congested districts. There is a need for Sunday school teachers. If one is really concerned for the souls of others, there is a place for him to serve in the Church of Christ.

(Sing *I Love to Tell the Story*.)

Conclusion

Anyone who is truly serving Christ is a witness for Him. His service is a part of the great mission program of the Church. Thank God for the privilege of participating in the great challenging activity which Jesus left for His followers when He ascended into Heaven. Ask yourself if you are doing all you can. Pray that God will reveal His task for you in the world, and then do it!

Life Illustration

A group of Intermediate Sunday school girls sent a modest check to a missionary on the foreign field. This money represented an extra offering which the girls brought of their own volition Sunday after Sunday. In her note of thanks to the girls, the missionary wrote that the money was being used for a much-needed drinking fountain in a small Christian center for underprivileged children. She concluded her note by writing that the drinking fountain in which the girls had a share was symbolic of the Water of Life which was being offered at the center to the same children who were drinking the water from the fountain. What a thrilling experience sharing what we have with others for Jesus' sake can be!

Suggested Activities

1. Write to ask your denominational mission board if there is a special project in which your group can share.
2. Remember your own missionaries from time to time with special gifts for their work. (The needs on the mission field always exceed the supply.)
3. When you hear of a missionary who is home on furlough, invite him or her to speak to your group. He can give you firsthand knowledge of the activities on the field.

Do You?

1. Do you know which missionaries your church is supporting?
2. Do you know these missionaries by name?
3. Do you pray for your missionaries?
4. Do you write letters to your missionaries to let them know you are interested in them? (Do you send them special greetings for their birthdays, Christmas, and Easter?)
5. Do you give of your limited allowance to advance mission work?



Thank God for My Country

Psalm 33:12a

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

Preparation

This is Thanksgiving Sunday. You are the leader for a special Christian Endeavor meeting. You have every reason to be grateful to God for this wonderful opportunity. You will stand before God and His people. For this high moment you are the messenger. Do your best.

Approach about four members of your society and ask each one to prepare a two-minute talk on some specific thing "in my country" for which he is grateful.

If a Thanksgiving proclamation is available, have it read at the meeting. Have the officers of your society mail out to each member of the society a letter setting forth reasons why we should thank God for our country.

Keep in mind that, in the United States, November 20-26 is "Know Your America Week," sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Perhaps you may want to say something about the aim of Communism to conquer the free world.

Publicity

Watch for the colorful advertising which generally sets forth Thanksgiving Day. Use the pictures on posters. Trim the poster with turkey wing feathers. Secure a few large eggs, place in a basket of straw, and write on a card visible enough for all to see: *Hatching out some great ideas for our November 20 meeting. All good ones.*

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymns: *America* and *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Scripture: Psalm 33

Silent Prayers (Pray for all leaders in government.)

Audible Prayer (Pray for all leaders in church life.)

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Announcements and Offering

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Special Music

Leader's Talk

Talks by Three Speakers

Discussion and Questions

Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*

Benediction

Resources for the Leader's Talk

This is Thanksgiving Sunday. We are a favored people. Around the world, at this special time, many people are thankful for very little: the refugee family just arrived in West Berlin with only a bundle of clothes, the Korean mother receiving an allowance of powdered milk for her only child, the man in Portugal eagerly grasping his own copy of the New Testament in his own language.

Not much of the world today is well housed, well fed, and well cared for medi-

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. For what special blessings should we be thankful in 1960?
2. What blessings do we enjoy that would not be ours under Communism?
3. Is it true or false that we can take for granted that there will always be plenty of food in the shops and in our homes?
4. Is it unscriptural and unchristian to be ungrateful? Can you prove it?
5. Do we take the length of our lives for granted?
6. What blessings of ours are desired by many people in other lands?
7. For what is there to be grateful when money and health and happiness are gone? Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.

cally. Fewer than even the 30% professing some form of Christianity know the joy of sins forgiven, the assurance of Heaven, and the experience of the new life through faith in Jesus Christ.

But awareness of our blessings should prompt us to be thankful. This is true for all who enjoy the bounty of our land, but it is especially true of Christians.

With the coming of Thanksgiving Day we think of our blessings, blessings material, blessings spiritual, blessings innumerable. We are reminded of blessings we have taken for granted and blessings we have completely overlooked, blessings undeserved, and blessings unasked for. And if we carefully consider all our blessings, we will admit that in the vast treasury of God's goodness, there are blessings unused.

Think of the many unbelievers, for example, who will never use the blessings purchased for them on Calvary. They know nothing of peace with God and pardon for sin. They know nothing of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the victory He provides. These are blessings God has provided for all men, but they are unused by many.

How many Christians never use all the blessings God has for them? Think of the blessings of prayer in our lives. By a great number of believing people, these are left unused. Think of the blessings of a mind at perfect peace which God promised in Isaiah 26:3. It is ours for the taking, but so often left unused. The best way to express our gratitude for God's blessings is to use them. We are richer than we think.

Thank God for our country, especially for the four essential freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression for everybody. The second is freedom of every person to worship God according to his own conscience. The third is freedom from want, which means that provisions for daily needs will be made available for all, regardless of age or physical condition. The fourth is freedom from fear, which means protection from harm of all kinds. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights. The purpose of our government is to assure every

man of his rights and to promote the happiness of all.

We witness with Jeremiah, "It is the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not. It is a new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22,23). I seek always to be grateful to God for His blessings. Our three speakers will lead us of areas in which we often tend to be ungrateful.

First Speaker

David said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2). We are often ungrateful to God because we feel that we have deserved certain blessings ourselves. However, it is only because of God's goodness that we have been so blessed. (Suggest that we are ungrateful for the nature for which youth are often ungrateful.)

Second Speaker

So many of our blessings are never appreciated until we no longer have them. We take them for granted and never stop to thank God for them. Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "For what avail the land, or sail, or land, or life, if freedom fail?" We take freedom for granted? Is there danger that we might ever lose our freedom? (Suggest other blessings which we often take for granted.)

Third Speaker

We seldom thank God for the hardships of life. However, they are often blessings in disguise. Sorrow can sweeten our lives. Temptation can conquer us, but we can overcome it and emerge stronger and better persons. Let us thank God for our difficulties. (Suggest such blessings which the youth of your society should be grateful for.)

Suggested Thanksgiving Activities

1. Plan a visitation team to call on the aged and shut-in in your church. Give the pastor for this information, and this plan would be acceptable in all cases.

2. Perhaps your community has a person who stands high in political life and is a Christian. Why not invite him to give the invocation at the Thanksgiving service? (Suggest reasons why we should be grateful for our nation?)

3. Sponsor a children's party for the youth of your community who may not fare so well on Thanksgiving Day.

4. Many societies sponsor a Thanksgiving breakfast with a time of serious meditation and a sound film in keeping with the day.

Hymns listed in program outlines in **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD** have been selected from **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS**. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 100 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

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Thank God for My Country

Psalm 33:12a
(Thanksgiving Sunday)



Senior High (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 20

Comments by Mary Lou Funk*

Advertising the Meeting

Advertise your meeting with a radio type announcement on Sunday morning, or mail invitations made the shape of a radio announcing: *You are invited to be present at the radio studio located in (place your Christian Endeavor meetings) on (time) for Station CE's special broadcast "Thank God for My Country."*

Leader's Preparation

At least one week prior to the time of the meeting, select the speakers and the persons to be interviewed. Be sure to inform them your counselor will be ready to give material and suggestions for preparing the parts.

During the actual program, you will serve as the master of ceremonies for the speeches and the roving reporter for the interviews. Either you or your society president should be prepared to preside during the planning of a Christian citizenship project for your society.

Counselor's Preparation

Give the leader guidance in selecting the speakers and the persons to be interviewed. Prepare materials on Christian citizenship suitable for their use. (If you do not have a, write to: Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, O.)

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Include
g: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Scripture: Psalm 33:12a; Proverbs 14:34
Ver
g: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Speeches: Thank God for My Country
Roving Reporter Interviews
Society Plans for Christian Citizenship project
Christian Endeavor Pledge
g: *I Would Be True*
Benediction

Thank God for My Country

From any of the following or other basic plans, have three of your members prepare minute speeches on the topic "Thank God for My Country." (To carry out the theme, have station announcement or real or dummy microphone, which the speakers will also use.)

I thank God for my country because it is a free country. We are not ordered to do and do what the government says, and when and where it orders. I thank God that each individual in our country is free to think and decide matters for himself and free to choose what he will do with his life.

As a young person in a free country, I am not told by my government that I have no rights. Mary Lou Funk is associate editor of United Brethren Publications, Huntington, Indiana.

AIMS

1. To consider some of the reasons why we should be thankful for our country.
2. To decide on some ways we can express our thanks for our country.

to have a paper route or work so many hours on a farm and turn so much of my earnings over to the government.

When I go to high school I will be allowed to choose many of my subjects. After high school I will be free to decide what I want to do in life. These freedoms would not be mine if I lived under Communism.

2. I thank God for my country because we may freely teach, believe, and follow the Christian way of life. About half of the people of the world have no choice but to follow the dictates of godless Communist leaders. Communism is the Communist's religion, and he has no place for Christianity. But, thank God, in free countries we may openly trust and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who live under the godless rule of Communist tyranny have little or no possibility of doing the will of God to any extent. To attempt to obey the will of God openly in Communist-controlled countries is about like signing your own death warrant. Hear what the Communists say: "We hate Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies."

If you were in Russia today, you wouldn't be voluntarily attending a Christian Endeavor meeting. Instead you might be ordered to go to a "Sunday School of atheistic knowledge."

I thank God that the Bible is respected and recognized as the guidebook for life and the answer to man's spiritual problems. In Russia it is impossible to buy a Bible in a store. Churches handle the extremely limited distribution. From 1927 to 1957 no Bibles were printed in Russia. Most of the people there are not able to have one copy of the most important book in all the world.

3. I thank God for my country because every individual is considered important. This is not true in Communist-controlled countries. The Communist leaders do not care what happens to each individual. They only care that their position of leadership and the power of their government are maintained. To the powerful Communist leaders, the masses of people are like so many machines or animals, important only to the extent they are usable in keeping Communism strong and advancing. Any who resist this plan suffer indescribable punishment or are slaughtered like animals.

In contrast the free world recognizes the rights, the purposes, the happiness and well-being of every individual. The government is controlled by the masses and exists to promote their welfare.

Roving Reporter Interviews

Surely we all can think of many reasons why we should thank God for our country. It is good to thank God in prayer for these. It is also important to tell others about them. But we must not stop there. We must express our thanks in actions which help to make our country what every Christian citizen wants it to be. Just what can we as a society and as individuals do to express our thanks for our country?

(Go to the previously selected persons one by one who are scattered throughout the group at your meeting. If possible use a live, portable microphone. Otherwise use a dummy mike.)

(Suggestions for individual and group projects: good neighbor deeds, such as shoveling snow for an elderly neighbor; newspaper essays on observance of the Lord's Day; posters or window displays in stores, pointing up citizenship responsibilities such as voting, the right use of property, the importance of families playing, working and praying together, the importance of the Bible; letters to the editor of your school paper, commending good sportsmanship, honesty, respect of property, courtesy, etc.; participation in book and library weeks, helping to emphasize the importance of reading good books and magazines.)

Plans for Society

Christian Citizenship Project

As a society make plans to carry out one or more of the group projects suggested in the interviews. When completed, enter it in Christian Endeavor's 1961 Citizenship Awards Program.

Life Illustration

Last year a teen-age girl from Europe was living with an American family. She had been born in the midst of the devastation left by World War II. She had never known any other life than that filled with the tensions of political unrest and material want. For as long as she could remember, her thanksgiving to God rested not on how much she had but for what He was to her.

Asked to pray the Thanksgiving prayer in her new American home, she surprised her new friends by not expressing thanks for the bountiful supply of food and clothing which was now hers; she did not mention the new school or the pleasant life which had been opened to her. She prayed: "Thank You, O God, for Your love and care in the midst of want and plenty. Thank You for keeping me from the sin of unbelief when I had so little and now so much. Grant, O God, that in the midst of all Your benefits, we do not lose sight of Your giving hand. . . . Amen."

Christian Endeavor Pledge

In concluding this meeting, use the Christian Endeavor Pledge for Active Members, emphasizing "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, . . . I will seek . . . to advance my country's welfare. . . ."



The Man with the Glowing Face

Exodus 34:27-35

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Mrs. Wesley Brown*

Publicity

Attach several magazine pictures to a string or ribbon. The pictures should be photos of faces—one smiling or laughing, one bored or sleepy, one sad or crying, etc. In the center of the string attach a piece of construction paper and print the words, *Find the Glowing Face in Christian Endeavor*, _____ (date), at _____ (time).

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Prayer
Song Service: *More Like the Master, Let the Beauty of Jesus, and If Your Heart Keeps Right*
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Exodus 34:27-35
Sentence Prayers
Duet: *Begin Each Day with Jesus*
Topic Presentation
Prayer
Closing Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*

For the Leader

Spend time each day, at least a week in advance, in prayer. Your face shows what kind of Christian life you lead too. Carefully choose three young people to give the first three talks. You should take the responsibility of giving the final talk and closing the meeting.

The Mirror That Talks

You remember the story of Snow White, I'm sure. In this tale the Queen had a very famous mirror. Each day she would go to the mirror and ask, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?" And the mirror would answer, "You are, my Queen." In a way there is no magic in this, for every mirror speaks because our faces reveal so much about us. Perhaps you are thinking that your face doesn't show what you think.

Think how often we judge a person's mood, thoughts, and even personality by his face. We say, "He's not saying much, but you can tell by looking at him that he's jealous." When we meet people for the first time we form ideas about them immediately. Much of this first impression comes from studying their faces. We think to ourselves or say to others, "I wouldn't trust her for a minute. There's something about her . . .," or "I just met him, but it's easy to see that he's a nice guy." This is all a part of everyday conversation. Almost daily we are adding to what our faces reveal about us.

A young man was struggling to change the tire on his car one day. As he stood to face the oncoming traffic, another car pulled to the side of the road to offer help. The

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To make real the truth that our Christian lives, our thinking, and even our faces reveal our relationship to God and the amount of time we spend in His presence.

man who stepped out of the car said, "I could tell you were a Christian too as soon as I saw you." Now this is not the usual story. Some of us may have been asked by a surprised friend, "Oh, do you go to church?" Perhaps there are sure signs of our spiritual need in our faces; our unhappiness is registered there, our fears and our sin. What is the secret in the life of a Christian who carries his deep faith written into his face?

The Face in the Mirror

Moses was probably a good looking man. We read that he was a handsome child. Later on, in Exodus 2:15-20, we find that the daughters of the priest of Midian thought he was an Egyptian. The Egyptians were a tall, proud people. Their faces were strong and full of life. There seems little doubt that Moses had an interesting face, a face that people could trust.

When we read Exodus 4:10-12 however, there is evidence that here was a man without self-confidence, a man who was undecided. Watch the face of one who is trying to decide whether to buy one thing or the other. His expression will often state that he doesn't trust his own decisions. Moses did not have as much faith in his abilities as God did. He told the Lord that he could not lead the people, that he could not stand up and speak before a crowd.

Perhaps there was stubbornness in his face also, for we know he refused to answer God's call. Finally, the Scripture says, "The anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses" (Exodus 4:14).

All of this and more could be seen in the face of this man whom God had called to serve Him. But it was not a glowing face.

The Glowing Face

There was nothing in the life of Moses to fill him with overwhelming joy. From the beginning he met nothing but trouble. The children of Israel were never satisfied. Finally freed from the bondage of Egypt, they were sure they would perish in the wilderness. Complaining of starvation, they were literally fed by God, and yet they nagged Moses continually. They were tired of eating manna; they didn't have enough water. Moses at times resembled the old lady who lived in the shoe. She also had so many children she didn't know what to do!

By the time the travelers came to the desert of Sinai, it is easy to imagine the changes in Moses' face. Now it is hard and brown from the sun; deep lines mark the forehead; weariness and discouragement mirror the hard life he has led.

And then one day Moses climbed the steep side of the mountain called Sinai. You remember well how he talked there with

God, how he received the law and the plans for building the tabernacle (Exodus 34:28-30).

Moses came down from that mountain a different man. The children of Israel were not changed. He still faced the same problems involved in leading a multi-tribe people. And yet his face glowed with a new change had come from his encounter with God. There can be no doubt as to what the Scripture says. The time spent with God had changed his face.

Face to Face

Despite all that modern man can do with science and cosmetics, it would seem that God alone knows the secret of face. We fall into the trap of meeting God on formal occasions only. We confine our prayer life to closed eyes, bended knees, and official services. For many of us, prayer is simply a monologue delivered to the Lord. Our Bible reading becomes a job to be done. If we lose our place we can never remember where we were, or what we were thinking about. What Moses had with God was not a speaking acquaintance with prayer, but a communion of friends. We see God lives and moves in us, that He knows our hearts. Do we also really hear His voice when He speaks to us?

A famous painter, working on a picture of Christ and the disciples, was searching for models. He wanted to center the picture with the figure of Christ. For several weeks, he walked the streets searching for a certain face. One day he saw the face he wanted. He had a peaceful look, a passion that drew one to him. He stopped the man and persuaded him to serve as the model for Christ. When the painter had finished his central figure, he told the man good-bye and set to work on the faces in the group. Weeks, months went by. Finally he was satisfied with the faces in the group except one. He never found the right model for Judas Iscariot. He needed a certain expression, torn by doubt and sin, a man whose bitterness showed in his eyes.

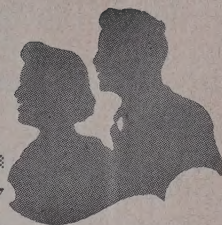
One evening he answered a knock at his door and looked into the face of a man exactly as he had imagined him. The stranger was poor, his clothes were torn, but he stepped into the house he said, "I am Judas. I have already lived there for many years. I have seen and known all the faces in the world and trouble the world has to offer. I have committed crimes, but I have no remorse. Hell. I have already lived there for many years. He paused. "You don't remember me, do you? You were painting a picture of me. I was the model for His face." The painter alone could never have transformed the man. But the sin and separation from God had left their misery behind.

The day will come when what you see will mold your face. And if there is a God that men can see, it will be there before you have been with God daily, face to

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The Man with the Glowing Face

Exodus 34:27-35



or High (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 27

Comments by Rev. Edgar Mack*

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ow profiles or outlines of three faces different shades, lines, or dots. At the of the poster print the question: 's in a Face? Junior High Christian or Meeting, November 27. Add time place.

ke outlines of faces on construction e. Write a personal invitation on each Pass them out at Sunday school and ng worship. Plan your publicity well od results. You may know Christ, but others are waiting for a personal intro- n to Him.

on Aims

To show the relationship between a iful face and a beautiful spirit. To point up the glowing face of Moses profile of courage, vision, and determi- . To lead youth to reflect upon ways evelop glowing faces for Christ.

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on Worship: Christian Endeavor Pledge nison

ation by the Leader

: *Sing and Smile and Pray*

ure: Exodus 34:27-35

: *Sunshine in the Soul*

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: *Living for Jesus*

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Presentation

ng Moments by the Counselor

: *Where He Leads Me*

ncements

ng Prayer: Silent prayer, concluded

the leader, or the Lord's Prayer

g Scripture: Romans 12:10,11

he Counselor

p this week's leader to assign the parts e live television program, and care- supervise the preparations. For help aking a television camera, consult a out handbook. Scenery can be simple oraborate, but make it realistic. Help members of the group to listen to the le in an attitude of worship to deepen commitment.

he Leader

ign parts for the program early. Vari- etails such as commercials and news ins may add scope to your presenta- For example, the announcements may ven in the form of a news bulletin.

Mack, pastor of St. John African Methodist opal Church, Greenup, Kentucky, is a r for the Division of Christian Education of enomination.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did Moses learn about God in his youth, and what should youth learn about God today?
2. What did God command about man's relation to Him at Mt. Sinai? What is the meaning for youth today?
3. Why was Moses' face aglow?
4. In what ways can you become a friend of God?
5. Take a good look at your face. What does it reveal?

Leader's Introduction

First, let us turn to our Bibles and read about a man named Moses who possessed a glowing face (Exodus 34:27-35). He was a great leader of his people, and he loved them with zeal and enthusiasm. His face was aglow with God's glory because he often spent time with God in prayer and meditation.

There are many ways in which God speaks to men. Moses listened to God. We must take time to listen to God. This presentation is an attempt to awaken an awareness within to God's voice and to lead us to a loving companionship with God. Let's listen for thoughts about how we can have glowing faces for God.

Many centuries separate us from the time of Moses. We need trustworthy and dedicated reporters who can tell us what happened and what it means for us.

Topic Presentation

NARRATOR: Good evening, friends. This is *World-wide Christian Endeavor*. From reporters on the field we will again look at Moses, to whom God spoke as a friend.

We are surrounded by a sea of faces. Faces reveal character. Faces tell stories about people. Faces are a picture gallery. Just about every emotion of man can be expressed in faces. The faces of a winning team show unrestrained joy. The faces of the losers show anguish and grief. Tears streaming down the face of a cheer leader trying to console the defeated matches the gloom within. We take you to WWCE in Egypt. Come in.

FIRST REPORTER: The ancient Hebrews were a people in slavery in Egypt. Slaves suffer from humiliation and shame. However, the greatest evil of slavery is that the enslaved can get used to it. Faces of slaves with an empty stare reflect a sense of hopelessness. God called a man named Moses to lead His people from Egypt to the Promised Land. Courage was needed to inspire the people to shake off dullness and to hope for a better day. The face of Moses was aglow because he often talked with God. From God he received courage, vision, and will power. Now back to *World-wide CE*.

NARRATOR: Thank you, A man of courage does not just happen. A period of preparation is necessary. From his youth Moses prepared himself for the task of being God's deliverer. He was

reared in the Egyptian court. He learned the knowledge of the Egyptians. He yielded his life to the will of God. He avoided no situation. Even in the land of Midian he went through a period of training. Here Moses became a shepherd. Here Moses learned the lessons of survival in a desert. He learned how to lead groups to cooperate. Later these lessons proved valuable in the Wilderness of Sinai. Now to WWCE in Palestine.

SECOND REPORTER: With courage, vision, and determination Moses led his people through the Red Sea in the face of Pharaoh's might. A great trait stood out in the life of Moses. It was his great love for his people. An incident from his early life illustrates his burning passion for them. Moses killed an Egyptian with his own hands for abusing his fellow man. He then fled to Midian for his life where he remained until God called him by a burning bush to lead his people out of bondage. The glowing face of Moses revealed to the Hebrews an inner strength that came from friendship with God. Moses taught his people to be reverent before God and to trust in Him always.

NARRATOR: We will now journey to one of the holy mountains in Israel's journey to the Promised Land. Come in,, from Mt. Sinai.

THIRD REPORTER: To the Hebrews, Mt. Sinai is a sacred place. It was here that God renewed His promise to be Israel's God. Israel was to turn from all other gods in preference to Him. This commandment is contained in the Ten Commandments. The emphasis is upon absolute loyalty to God. Loyalty produces courage. Jesus was loyal to His Father's will. Paul was loyal to his vision on the road to Damascus. Moses was also loyal to God's word. It was constant daily association with God that made Moses a faithful leader and one of the great leaders of all times.

NARRATOR: The face of Moses was aglow as he came down from Mt. Sinai where he received the Ten Commandments. The glowing face came from a personal experience with God. Constant communion with God through prayer, Bible study, and the practice of Christian love and mutual respect will make our faces glow also.

Closing Moments

After the discussion, the counselor may suggest ways in which youth can spend time with God. Help youth to understand that regular worship can bring glow to a dull life. One becomes aglow when he approaches God and His holy purposes with interest, zeal, and enthusiasm. No one could look upon the face of Moses without seeing a glowing personality completely devoted to God. Moses lived so close to God that he became a friend of God. Youth can develop glowing personalities by total commitment to Christ and His Church, daily Bible reading, prayer, and enthusiasm for God's work.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for November, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Oct. 31. Spiritual Tests. James 1:2-4.
T., Nov. 1. Self-Control. Acts 26:2-5.
W., Nov. 2. Temptation Resisted. Luke 4:5-8.
T., Nov. 3. Abstinence. Romans 14:15-21.
F., Nov. 4. We Have Obeyed. Proverbs 3:1-7.
S., Nov. 5. Exemplary Deportment. I Timothy 4:12.
Sun., Nov. 6. Topic—The Obedient Rechabites. Jeremiah 35.

M., Nov. 7. The Waiting Harvest. Luke 10:1-3.
T., Nov. 8. A Missionary Hymn. Psalm 96.
W., Nov. 9. Bringing Good Tidings. Isaiah 52:7-15.
T., Nov. 10. The Purpose of Missions. Ephesians 3:2-10.
F., Nov. 11. The Birth of Missions. Matthew 28:19,20.
S., Nov. 12. The Necessity of Missions. Romans 10:12-21.
Sun., Nov. 13. Topic—Into All the World Together. Mark 16:15.

M., Nov. 14. Love for Country. Psalm 137:1-6.
T., Nov. 15. For the Sake of Our People. II Samuel 10:9-12.
W., Nov. 16. Love of Country. I Kings 11:21,22.
T., Nov. 17. Government under God. Ezra 7:25-28.
F., Nov. 18. The Church and the Nation. Matthew 17:24-27.
S., Nov. 19. Pride of Citizenship. Acts 22:27,28.
Sun., Nov. 20. Topic—Thank God for My Country. Psalm 33:12a. (Thanksgiving Sunday)

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F., Nov. 25. The Light that Lights. John 1:5-9.
S., Nov. 26. The Radiance in Us. II Corinthians 3:17,18.
Sun., Nov. 27. Topic—The Man with the Glowing Face. Exodus 34:27-35.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Oct. 31. Defeat and Victory. Psalm 55:1-7,16,17.
T., Nov. 1. Defeat Not Final. Judges 20:20-28.
W., Nov. 2. Fallen, But Not Down. Psalm 37:23,24.
T., Nov. 3. Renewed Effort After Defeat. Joshua 8:1-3,18.
F., Nov. 4. Be Confident. II Corinthians 4:8,9.
S., Nov. 5. Strength Out of Weakness. I Corinthians 2:1-5.
Sun., Nov. 6. Topic—When You Lose. II Timothy 2:1-10.

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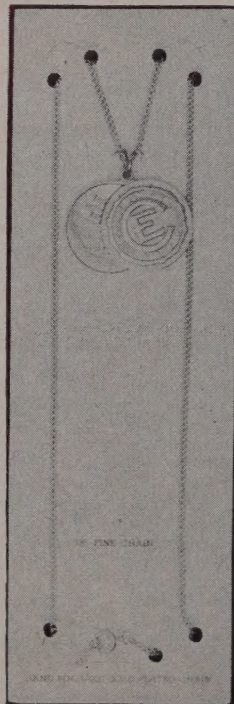
Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled held during the next few months. Register these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

OCTOBER
7-9—Southern Region, Montreat, North Carolina
8-10—Ontario, Toronto
15-16—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana
NOVEMBER
4-6—Missouri, St. Louis
DECEMBER
1-4—Executives' Program Council, Columbus, Ohio

JUNIOR CE MEETING The Quarterly for Junior High

Topics for NOVEMBER
Nov. 6. My Talents for Him. Matthew 25:14-30.
Nov. 13. My Time for Him. Psalm 90:1,2,11.
Nov. 20. Always Give Thanks. Ephesians 5:4.
Nov. 27. Into All the World Together. Acts 1:8.

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NEWS

from around the world

Long-time Endeavorers were honored by the Michigan Union for their Endeavor service. Sarah E. McH was guest of honor at a recognition in Detroit on August 14, while Horning, for many years the state leader, received special honors at both the Grand Rapids convention and the fall convention at Waldenwoods.



Photo by Warren Lund

Endeavorers enjoy informal singing after Sunday evening Hymn Sing during the state convention at Morrison.

Interesting pamphlet recently published by the National Association of Evangelicals: "Roman Catholic President: how free church control?" This is a reprint of an article written by George L. Ford, executive director of the N.A.E. Copies of this publication may be secured from THE EVANGELICAL ACTION, 222 Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, at \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.50 per hundred.

The sympathy from many Christian Endeavor friends is expressed to several leaders who are sorrowing because of the recent death of their father. These include Ray Herman, Christian Endeavor worker for United Brethren in Christ Church, and Peter Florence, member of the Children's Committee, whose father died in Fort Ontario, in August. Gordon McMorris, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union, lost his father on September 5.

The featured speaker at the Thursday evening session of the 15th National Sunday School Convention will be Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The convention, to be held October 12-14 in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, is sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. Other speakers will be Rev. Bert Webb, president of the Association; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Theodore Epp, head of the Back to the Bible broadcast; and Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the Association. A Christian Endeavor booth, manned by St. Louis leaders, will display materials during the convention.

A Bible Quiz Competition is a feature of the national convention of the India Union, with winners from provincial unions participating.



Michigan Union officers for 1960-61 are shown after their election at the state convention at Grand Rapids. They are (left to right): seated—Lee Mekkes, second vice-president; Louise Nieboer, corresponding secretary; and Margaret Nykamp, treasurer; standing—Albert Nieboer of Kalamazoo, president; Judy White, recording secretary; and Melvin Modderman, first vice-president.

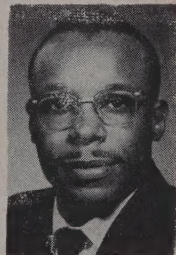
The Gospels Quartette, which includes three Michigan Endeavorers, sang at the sacred concert during the Christian Booksellers Association Convention in Chicago this August. On the program were many outstanding Christian artists. *God Is Everywhere* is the title of the 12 inch LP record album just released by this quartette with the Noordyk label.



Newly-elected officers of the West Virginia Union pose during their convention at Camp Ev-Un-Breth, Buckhannon. The president, Norval Newlon (first row, fourth from left), was reelected for another year.

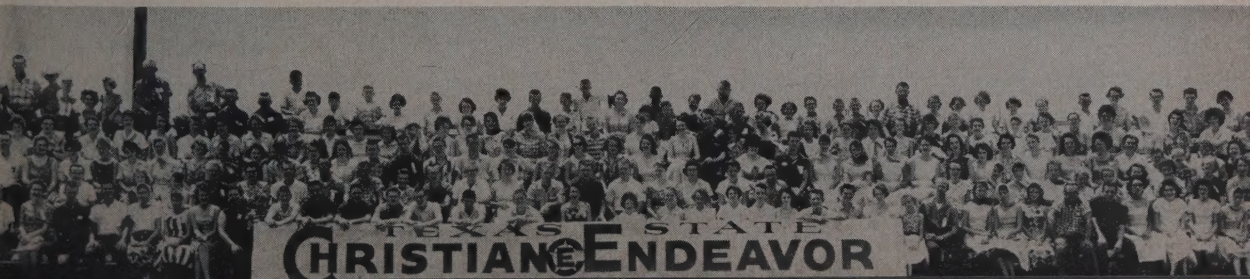
To encourage Christians everywhere to read their Bibles regularly, the American Bible Society has published a list of suggested readings for every day in 1961. In convenient bookmark form, single copies of this Daily Bible Reading schedule are free. In quantity, the price is 60c a hundred. Write to American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. Enrich the Quiet Hour experience by using this supplement to Christian Endeavor's daily readings.

Rev. Edgar L. Mack makes his debut as a Junior High topics writer in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenup, Kentucky, he writes materials for several publications of his denomination. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University and holds a B.D. degree from Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Mack is married and the father of three children.



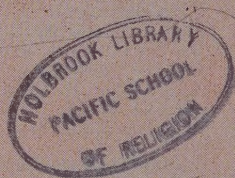
"To Obey God Makes Men Free" was the theme of the annual German Convention this summer in Essen. Due to travel restrictions, East German Endeavorers were unable to attend.

Texas Endeavorers are pictured at this year's convention at Corpus Christi



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